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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 2A. This sheet replaces the original sheet of Figure 2A. In Figure 2A, the previously omitted closing mechanism, lock and removable base have been added. See newly added elements 18 (dotted lines), L, and S. Support for the newly added elements may be found at, for example, page 7, lines 25-27 and page 8, lines 3-4. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 15, 22, and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 14 has been cancelled. New claim 31 has been added. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification. Claims 1-9 are pending. Figure 2A has been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 6-9 "as not reading on the elected invention[]." See Office Action at page 5. Amended claims 7-9 are directed to carrier features, namely that the carrier includes an identifier, an communication system and that the communication system is formed from an RFID system. See claims 7-9. Applicants respectfully request a rejoinder of these claims.

Applicants further request the rejoinder of claims 10-30. Claims 10-30 are directed to carrier features, namely the docking system, the controller, an air tube system and a method of transferring security documents.

The Examiner's remarks in the last Office Action are addressed below. It is believed that the claims and all dependent claims, taken in light of the remarks made herein, meet all criteria for patentability.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as "[t]he shutter mechanisms of claim(s) 4 have not been adequately depicted; in particular, the closing mechanism." See Office Action at page 2. The drawings are further objected to as "the lock of claim(s) 1 must be shown" See Office Action at pages 2-3. A replacement sheet for Figure 2A is provided. Figure 2A has been amended to show the closing mechanism and the lock of claim 1. See Replacement Sheet and Annotated Sheet showing changes. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this objection.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-5. Specifically, the Examiner objects to the phrase "being formed from" in claims 1 and 3. See Office Action at page 3. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 3 to delete the phrase "being formed from." Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, "as failing to comply with the enablement requirement." See Office Action at page 4. The Examiner contends that "[w]ith regard to claim(s) 1, the applicant's preferred embodiment, i.e. the best mode, of the lock as not been disclosed." Id. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that the term "Bi-Lock" refers to proprietary lock. The specification has been amended to correctly designate the term "Bi-Lock" with a TM indicating this is a trademarked lock. See amended paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25 of the specification. Support for this amendment may be found in Attachment A which is product disclosure of a "Bi-LockTM." Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 "as being indefinite" See Office Action at page 4. The Examiner states that "[w]ith respect to claim(s) 1, line(s) 2, 'being formed from' is unclear." Id. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the phrase "being formed from." The term "apparatus" has also been deleted from claims 1-5. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance.

Should any fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account **19-4293**.

If, for any reason, a telephonic conference with the Applicants would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number provided below.

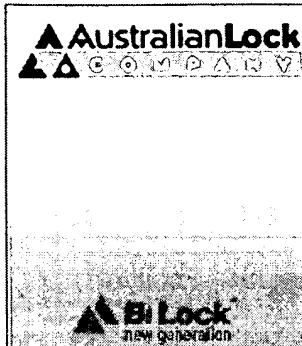
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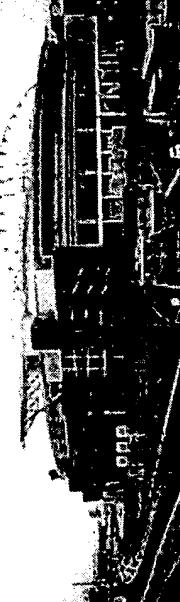
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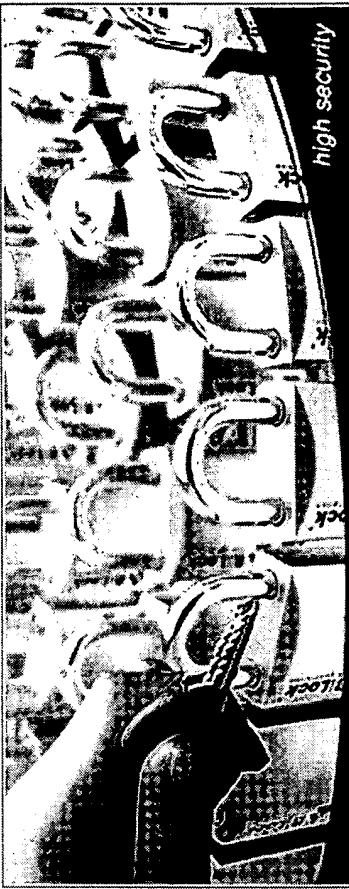
Australian Lock Company Pty Ltd has manufactured the award winning BiLock Maximum Security locking system (now proudly referred to as First Generation Bilock) for almost two decades. Recipient of Australian Design Awards for both the Standard and Quick Change Core ranges and the Telstra & Australian Governments National Small Business of the Year and National Manufacturer of the Year awards, the Australian Lock Company has established genuine global credibility as a lock system manufacturer of the highest quality and integrity.

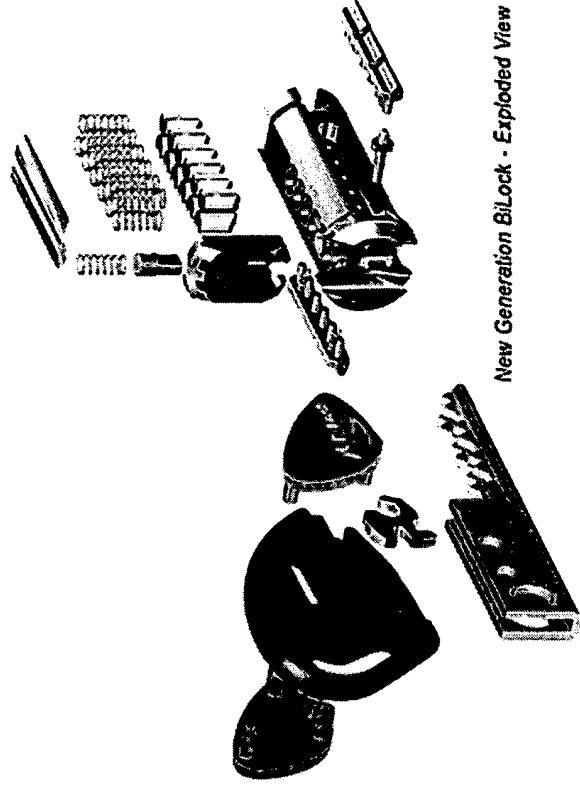
Some of the innovative quality locking products and systems Australian Lock Company has developed are the First Generation and New Generation Bilock Maximum Security Locking Systems, the Armsafe range of high security gun locks, the Talon trailer lock range and the Series Six, in-line locking systems.

Australian Lock Company also proudly manufactures Binary Plus (patented until 2013) for the Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia (MLAA).

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Australian Lock Company is proud to launch a New Generation of Bilock with additional unique patentable qualities. True to the tradition established by First Generation Bilock, New Generation Bilock offers exceptional security and the revolutionary design features people have come to expect from this Companys products.





The standard and QCC Bilock ranges add a new dimension to the high security lock industry in Australia and worldwide. As well as including a full range of Quick Change Core (QCC), New Generation Bilock also features:

- A diverse and extensive product range
- New 13th locking dimension
- Attractive modern styling
- Quick and easy identification
- Colour coding options
- Braille differentiation (available upon request)
- Company logo identification on keys (upon request)

The New Generation Bilock user benefits from key control security with a patented key, reinforced by registered designs over most key blank profiles.

The Companys moveable key element provides protection by allowing the Company to legally prevent the unauthorised sale, manufacture, importation or duplication of New Generation keys by enforcing its patent monopoly rights. The Company presently holds a Petty Patent providing protection through to 2005, and it expects to obtain further patent protection through to 2019. Patents for this invention have also been obtained, and are being sought, internationally.

Most of the BiLock blank keys are the subject of registered design protection.

Registered design rights enable the Company to take legal action in order to prevent the unauthorised supply of Bilock key blanks.

The Company's QCC core is a unique feature that gives the Bilock user the ability to quickly and rapidly secure any compromised area, for example, where an employee loses a key. The QCC interchangeable core can be easily removed, recombined and reinstalled in seconds. The Company has a patent over this feature, valid through until 2017 which means that only Australian Lock Company can offer this innovative feature to its customers.